

**73.1 Preference — conditions.**

Every commission, board, committee, officer or other governing body of the state, or of any county, township, school district or city, and every person acting as contracting or purchasing agent for any such commission, board, committee, officer or other governing body shall use only those products and provisions grown and coal produced within the state of Iowa, when they are found in marketable quantities in the state and are of a quality reasonably suited to the purpose intended, and can be secured without additional cost over foreign products or products of other states. [This section](#) shall apply to horticultural products grown in this state even if the products are not in the stage of processing that the agency usually purchases the product. However, [this section](#) does not apply to a school district purchasing food while the school district is participating in the federal school lunch program.

All requests for proposals for materials, products, supplies, provisions, and other needed articles and services to be purchased at public expense shall not knowingly be written in such a way as to exclude an Iowa-based company capable of filling the needs of the purchasing entity from submitting a responsive proposal.

[C27, 31, 35, §1171-b1; C39, §1171.01; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §73.1] 86 Acts, ch 1096, §10; 2004 Acts, ch 1046, §1